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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 4 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

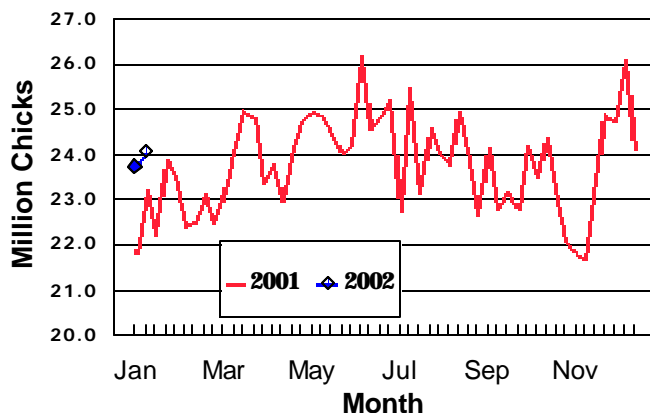
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending January 12, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and 1 percent above the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through January 12, 2002 were 47.9 million, up 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.3 million, up 7 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 1 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.2 percent.

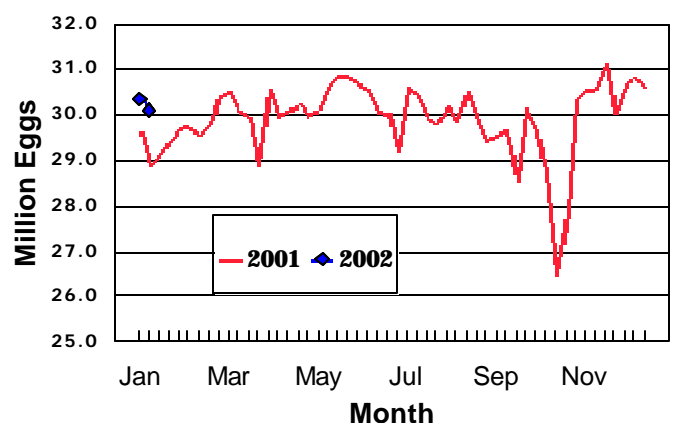
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 12, 2002, up 4 percent from the same period last year but 1 percent below the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000-01	2001-02	% Change	2000-01	2001-02	% Change	2000-01	2001-02	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Dec. 8	23,217	24,937	107	24,193	25,189	104	29,442	30,081	102
Dec. 15	23,334	24,756	106	24,856	25,240	102	29,661	30,701	104
Dec. 22	23,229	26,129	112	24,531	25,714	105	29,348	30,830	105
Dec. 29	21,286	23,849	112	23,577	24,677	105	27,110	30,596	113
Jan. 5	21,817	23,768	109	23,608	25,194	107	29,608	30,326	102
Jan. 12	23,255	24,092	104	23,689	25,342	107	28,905	30,121	104

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
STATE	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	22-Dec	29-Dec	05-Jan	12-Jan		08-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	05-Jan	12-Jan	
Alabama	29,133 *	29,489	29,304	28,820	102	21,853	22,331	21,526	22,437	22,209	22,107	103
ARKANSAS	30,830	30,596	30,326	30,121	104	24,937	24,756	26,129	23,849	23,768	24,092	104
Delaware	3,665	3,489	3,466	3,456	86	4,508	4,926	5,103	4,371	4,756	4,516	91
Florida	2,384	2,503	2,423	2,246	87	2,523	1,927	2,482	2,274	2,279	2,331	97
Georgia	31,682	30,327	30,960	31,921	103	25,558	24,106	26,096	25,694	26,359 *	25,063	104
Maryland	8,816	8,516	8,669	8,462	100	5,627	5,388	6,605	5,001 *	5,267	5,690	110
Mississippi	18,997	18,441	18,832	18,912	104	15,427	15,193	15,654	15,274	15,991	15,982	104
N. Carolina	19,270 *	18,333	18,787	18,481	103	14,597	15,113	15,124	14,245	14,673	15,213	104
Pennsylvania	3,869 *	3,640 *	3,754 *	3,754	107	2,746	2,872	2,652 *	2,645 *	2,742 *	3,202	118
S. Carolina	4,922	4,728	4,712	4,705	99	3,756	3,816	3,751	4,225	3,685	3,883	101
Texas	15,031	15,378	15,360	14,940	104	11,241	11,569	11,795	11,831	11,929	11,956	106
Virginia	6,634	6,631	6,634	6,277	98	5,076	5,004	5,089 *	5,104 *	5,868	5,650	108
CA TN & W VA	10,850	11,057	10,654	10,617	94	9,869	9,659	9,090	9,319	9,194	8,872	95
Total 2001-2002	186,083 *	183,128 *	183,881 *	182,712		147,718	146,660	151,096 *	146,269 *	148,720 *	148,557	
Total 2000-2001	179,487	176,109	178,831	179,729		143,211	144,833	144,082	138,710	142,848	143,870	
% PREV. YEAR	104	104	103	102		103	101	105	105	104	103	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE	2002.....					26-Jan	02-Feb	09-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	02-Mar	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	5,436 *	5,146 *	5,500 *	5,722	--	4,345	4,419	4,663	4,554 *	4,863 *	4,802	--
*Oklahoma	6,526	6,481	6,565	6,078	--	5,225	4,487	4,495	5,082	3,985	4,828	--
*LA & MO	9,127	8,973	8,836	8,670	--	8,148	8,979	8,540	8,418	10,207	9,020	--
19 StateTotal	207,172 *	203,728 *	204,782 *	203,182		165,436	164,545	168,794 *	164,323 *	167,775 *	167,207	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 183 million eggs during the week ending January 12, 2002. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 12, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through January 12, 2002 were 297 million, up 4 percent the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.